

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNM-LOS
ALAMOS**HON. TOM UDALL**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 25th anniversary of the Los Alamos branch of the University of New Mexico. Nestled in the mountains, this bustling center of science and education is a mainstay in the community of Los Alamos. Initially a graduate studies center for science, engineering and management, UNM-Los Alamos has evolved into a state-of-the-art facility offering a broad base of educational programs.

UNM-LA offers a variety of associate's degrees and certificates, as well as courses that transfer toward a bachelor's degree. Small, personalized classes taught by dedicated instructors give students the attention normally associated with liberal arts colleges. Affordability is also a key factor at UNM-LA as lower division classes cost students a mere 25 percent of the main campus tuition rate.

Student success is the main focus at UNM-LA where a range of classes are offered on many educational levels to students from diverse backgrounds. UNM-LA provides Adult Basic Education, GED training, English as a Second Language instruction and a tutorial center to supplement the classroom experience. In addition to the core curriculum, upper division classes are available to graduate students through the UNM Extended University at UNM-LA.

In partnership with the Los Alamos National Laboratory, UNM-LA provides the most current computer training to Lab and contract employees. Responsive to current need, these classes enable employees to build necessary skills for career advancement within the Lab. Several science and technology programs prepare students for work at the Lab and many UNM-LA graduates find employment at LANL.

Approximately 2,500 students attend UNM-LA each year with campus housing available to those who wish to live in the beautiful Los Alamos area. Campus life includes student government, music, art and a Student Center with numerous activities. The natural beauty and recreation opportunities surrounding the campus make UNM-LA an ideal setting for living and learning.

UNM-LA further enriches the community by hosting events such as concerts, art exhibits and lectures on campus throughout the year. Several satellite locations in neighboring communities give access to students outside the main campus area. UNM-LA is also involved in the administration of two small business development centers in Los Alamos and Sandoval counties.

Mr. Speaker, UNM-LA has brought quality higher learning to the dynamic Los Alamos area. Serving Northern New Mexico for 25 years now, UNM-LA has provided well-rounded educational and life experiences to thousands of students. Graduates of UNM-LA have no doubt taken with them a strong ethic of learning and a stronger sense of community as well.

EXPRESSING CONCERN FOR
HURRICANE KATRINA VICTIMS**HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Our thoughts are with all those who have been stranded by the storm, separated from their family and friends, and have suffered from tremendous personal and emotional losses. Worst of all is that it was the least among us—the poor, elderly, and infirm—who appeared to suffer the most. Television broadcasts beamed poignant images of those that could not leave, who were now forced to survive in an inhabitable city seemingly overcome with the presence of death and overtaken by depravity.

Adding to our grief and inflaming our outrage is that the Federal Government was woefully unprepared for this disaster. As the world watched, we responded in a way that was completely unacceptable. Despite assurance by FEMA Director Michael Brown that his organization was taking steps to ensure that disaster teams could respond within 12 hours and that disaster relief supplies could be delivered anywhere in the country in 24 hours, stranded residents in New Orleans reportedly went 4 days without deliveries of food and water. Inaction, mismanagement, and the inability to put the appropriate personnel and resources in the right place at the right time exacerbated an already grave natural disaster.

The scope of the tragedy we have seen in the Gulf Coast was not only anticipated but could have been minimized if the appropriate steps were taken. Multiple studies had identified the potentially devastating effects of a hurricane striking New Orleans. The Army Corps of Engineers requested funds for critical reinforcements to the levees in New Orleans but those calls have been unanswered. Further, as has been widely reported, since its transfer to the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA has been significantly diminished and undervalued.

However, after these sorrowful pictures that now seem so permanently seared on our conscience begin to fade, after the appropriate investigations occur on what went so tragically wrong, and after the devastated areas start to rebuild, we must take more from Hurricane Katrina than how to better plan, prepare, and respond for a potential natural disaster. We must finally begin to recognize and remember that the Federal Government can help Americans live better lives. For too long now, the Federal Government has catered to those who can well take care of themselves. It's about time we started to care and demonstrate compassion for those being left behind not just in New Orleans but throughout America.

RELATING TO THE TERRORIST AT-
TACKS AGAINST THE UNITED
STATES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2005

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, as our nation continues to deliver relief to the victims of Hurricane Katrina, we pause to remember the victims of an earlier American tragedy on the fourth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

While grasping to comprehend the enormity of the natural disaster that has befallen the Gulf Coast region, Americans to this day still struggle to make sense of the terrorists' ruthlessness, their hatred of our core values of liberty, democracy and equality, as well as their capacity for the horrific atrocities they carried out against innocent men, women and children 4 years ago today.

As we remember our loss on September 11th, we are also reminded of the strength of the human spirit when other crises arrived. Since the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, we have witnessed a world united in action and sharing a common goal of helping those most in need in the aftermath of tragedy, including the tsunami in Southern Asia, the terrorist attacks in Spain and England, and now in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Our Nation continues to heal from September 11, 2001, but with firm resolve, we have moved forward to rebuild—never bowing to terrorist demands or allowing an unwelcome sense of vulnerability to permeate our lives. With even greater respect and admiration for our first responders, medical professionals and other heroes across our Nation, we honor their valor and sacrifices as they ease mankind's suffering and elevate humanity to new heights.

On this day, Mr. Speaker, we will always remember and honor the Americans lost at the hands of terrorist attackers. This year, once again, we extend our deepest sympathies to their families, friends, and loved ones.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, on September 6, I was surveying damage from Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana and failed to cast recorded votes on rollcall votes 454 and 455. Had I cast my votes, I would have voted "yes" on both.

Last week, I traveled to Louisiana with a constituent who is the president and founder of Heart to Heart International, Dr. Gary Morsch. Heart to Heart International, a Kansas-based humanitarian organization that serves the needs of the poor and provides aid to those most affected by natural disasters, has established a forward distribution center in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, to distribute aid to the refugees of Hurricane Katrina. A team organized by Heart to Heart International traveled to this forward distribution site to deliver